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Proposed CMP Atomic Power Plant Would Complement Dickey

Central Maine Power Company has announced plans to build an atomic plant in Maine that would produce 700,000 kilowatts of power and thus is fulfilling promises made at the time of the Dickey-Lincoln School debate.

The plant, with construction to begin next year and with a completion date of 1972, would complement the Dickey hydro-electric plant because it supplies a different power need than the federal project will.

But total output will be only slightly less than Dickey which is scheduled to produce 794,000 kilowatts.

The new atomic plant will also have an effect on the proposed Maine Power Authority (MPA) proposal to build an atomic plant owned by a state authority. Latest plans for this project call for an atomic plant near Rockland, to be used in conjunction with Dickey.

John N. Harris, MPA consultant, told The Times today that the question now is one of public versus private power and must be decided by the Legislature. He claimed that the CMP proposal was not for cheap power but simply more power.

Harris said, "MPA can build two plants the size of the one proposed by CMP and nail one shut for 35 years and still deliver power cheaper than CMP." This statement is based on the fact that a state power authority would not have to pay taxes or dividends after original cost was paid off, and a private utility must. There are also other costs of a private utility has that a public one does not.

When asked if construction of a nuclear plant by Central Maine Power would preempt any MPA plans for the future, Harris said he would not speculate on future demands and the question should be answered by the legislature now.

Prior to the CMP announcement, it was likely that the MPA proposal would not come up at the special session of the legislature this year.

Cost of the CMP project will be about $100 million. In making the announcement, William H. Dunham, president of Central Maine Power, said several New England power companies will own shares of the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Co., as this new venture will be known, and they will buy portions of the power generated. A site has not yet been chosen.

In debate on Dickey, Central Maine Power maintained that Dickey was not needed because atomic power could do to the job better and they were planning to reduce rates anyway and would meet al the demands of Maine in the future.

During the earlier debate, it was explained that the atomic and hydroelectric plants would complement one another because nuclear power is better for base power while hydroelectric power is better for peaking. Peaking occurs at the times of peak use, or in the early evening hours. Base power is the normal power used all day.

In his announcement, Dunham said the formation of the corporation to build the atomic plant is "one of the most important steps ever to be taken by the electric utilities of Maine and New England. Particular emphasis must be placed upon the favorable effect it will have upon the cost of electricity to the individual customers in this area, regardless of whether they be large or small, wholesale or retail.

Dunham said that since joint planning a "one system" basis has been practiced by the New England utilities over a period of years, the logical approach to a large scale atomic power plant to be located in Maine was to create a corporation patterned after those used in the building of the Yankee atomic plant at Rowe, Mass., and the Connecticut Yankee atomic plant now under construction at Haddam Neck, Conn.

Such a corporation has been formed by the sponsors of Maine Yankee. The following companies are participants in the project:

Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, New England Power Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Montaup Electric Company and the Convex group of utilities in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

Final selection of the site for the plant will be made in the near future and approval of the Atomic Energy Commission is sought; in the meantime, engineering of the project is under way and it is expected that actual construction will begin in late 1967, with a target date for completion early in 1972.

Dunham reiterated the statement he made before the Public Utilities Committee of the Maine Legislature on April 29, 1965, when he said:

"We in the electric industry in Maine and New England have stated our beliefs many times that atomic energy will provide the best solution for cheaper power in this high cost fuel area.

"This cheap power source of the future is developing rapidly all over the country but particularly in New England which has taken the lead in this field."

He pointed out that New England utilities have joined together to pioneer in this new science and that these efforts have been so successful that they now lead the nation in this field with:

The original Yankee Atomic Plant at Rowe, Mass., now in its fifth year of successful operation.

The Connecticut Yankee Atomic Plant on schedule in construction for completion in 1967.

A second Connecticut Atomic Plant contracted to be completed in 1969.

A Vermont Atomic Plant presently scheduled for 1970.

A second Massachusetts Atomic Plant contracted to be completed around 1971.

And, now, a large Maine Atomic Plant to be completed early in 1972.

Dunham said that the extra high voltage backbone transmission line of 345,000 volts now being extended from Connecticut into Massachusetts will be further extended into Maine, connecting with the Maine Yankee plant. And he pointed out that this plant and associated transmission facilities will carry their full share of the tax burden at all levels, municipal, state and federal.

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Maine Public Utilities Commission and such other state and federal regulatory agencies as may be applicable.

Dunham concluded his statement by calling attention to the fact that the Maine Atomic Plant will follow the pattern of the previous Yankee plants and will be build with the help of the New England utilities and the Yankee engineering team.

Waterfront Property Sold By Redlon's to Chapman

Because of expanding business, John D. Chapman will purchase the 200x120 foot waterfront lot belonging to Redlon's Inc., and Redlon's will move its entire operation to the old Hyde barn off Western Avenue.

Chapman, an insurance agent who purchased the Roger Skillings Agency in August 1961, said he plans to eventually tear down the existing buildings on the property and construct an office building to house his operation and perhaps other businesses.

Chapman said his reason for purchasing the property is that his business has been very good and he is having "growing pains." He presently occupies space at 119 Front St.

Richard A. Redlon of Redlon's noted that by moving to the barn previously occupied by Curtis and Greenlaw, his wholesale plumbing and manufacturing business will be all done under one roof for the first time. At present, he occupies four buildings, two of which he owns.

Redlon said this means that his building, 159 Front Street, will also go on the market. The concrete and brick building has 17,000 square feet and is located on the former John Hyde property behind the Hyde Speech and Hearing Center.

Chapman said he was not sure at this time just when he would begin demolition of the old buildings or construction of the new one on the property he will purchase. It presently has one large building and a couple of sheds, plus the old Sagadahoc Ferry slip for the boats which ran between Bath and Woolwich before the Carlton Bridge was built.

Redlon's purchased the waterfront property in two parts, first in the late 1930s and then the rest in 1948.

The property is bounded by the Kennebec River and Commercial Street and by the Bath Parking District on both sides. The waterfront now looks like this, starting at the south; Bath Fuel Co., large Parking District lot, Redlon-Chapman, Parking District, Arthur Berry, Maine Minerals salt pocket.

Chapman also said that he has not yet come to a decision whether he will build office space for more than himself.

The action by Redlon's also marks expansion since it will give that company more space. Besides selling plumbing equipment, Redlon's also manufactures an adjustable flashing for roof sewage stacks.

Both men said that they were making the announcement to counter conjecture about what was happening to the property. They said although the sale has not yet taken place, a definite commitment has been made.

Chapman complimented the Chamber of Commerce for their part in the transaction. He said, "Through the efforts of the commercial development group of the Chamber, our two businesses were able to get together and create further progress for the city of Bath."

Snow Storm To End Today

PORTLAND (AP) — A snowstorm blanketed Maine today as wintry weather returned to the state after a hiatus of almost a week. The U.S. Weather Bureau said the new snow would average about three inches throughout the state before the storm ended in the afternoon.

The storm moved in from the south late Sunday night, and swung north and east during the early morning. The snow changed to freezing rain shortly after dawn in southern Maine, including Portland, but the weather bureau said the precipitation was still coming down as snow in the rest of the state several hours later.

Three inches fell in Portland before the change to freezing rain. Other new snow figures reported in the regular early morning check included two inches at Brunswick and Augusta and one inch at Rumford and Bangor.

The snow heartened ski resort operators, who lost most of their holiday business when last week's unseasonably warm temperatures—rising especially far above average on Friday and Saturday—forced most of them to close.

Traffic seemed unaffected by the storm. Main roads were quickly cleared, and State Police said the number of morning accidents was just about average for any day.

WEATHER

Clearing and a little colder tonight. Low temperatures from about 10 degrees north into the low 20s near the coast. Tuesday fair with no important temperature changes.

Sun sets 4:26; rises Tuesday 7:13
High tide 9:06 tonight; 9:28 a.m., Tuesday
(One hour earlier on the coast)
Day's length 9 hours, 12 minutes

News Notes From Maine

TRAGIC FIRE

PORTLAND (AP) — A 27-year-old father helped his wife and two of their three children out of their burning house Sunday, but perished when he ran back into the flames in a vain attempt to save the other youngster.

Firemen found the bodies of Edward R. Sullivan and his three-year-old daughter, Tammy, in the ruins of the one-story wooden house on Peaks Island in Portland Harbor.

Mrs. Sullivan, 23, and the two surviving children — Edward, 4, and Margaret, 1, were hospitalized with burns and reported in good condition.

Sullivan had recently taken a job in Hartford, Conn., and was spending the holiday weekend with his family.

The cause of the fire was not determined.

TRAINING CRUISE

CASTINE (AP) — Some 330 midshipmen are scheduled to sail from Castine Tuesday on the Maine Maritime Academy's annual training cruise. Their ship, the State of Maine, will also make a series of promotional visits for its home state during the cruise. The first of these will be in San Juan, Puerto Rico, next Saturday.

LISBON FALLS FIRE

LISBON FALLS (AP) — Fire officials are investigating the cause of a $30,000 blaze that destroyed a chicken house in Lisbon Falls. The New Year's Day fire killed 2,500 chickens in a house owned by Robert Bickford.

HENNESSY MEMORIAL

City Manager Harry Ring will speak briefly at 8 tonight at the opening of the Mark W. Hennessy memorial exhibit at the Patten Free Library. The opening runs from 7:30 to 9.

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NEWBERRY'S BATH STORE CLOSES—There was a lot of activity behind the locked doors of the J. J. Newberry Store at the corner of Front and Center Streets today as employes cleared the counters and packed up the goods. The store, which had a weeks-long clearance sale, as window banners still proclaim, closed last week and is leaving Bath. Officials said the large sign over the entrance was expected to be removed within the next few days.

Bath Has Advances and Setbacks in 1965

By ROBERT C. CUMMINGS

The paradox of industrial progress and commercial decline marked the Shipbuilding City during 1965.

After being unsuccessful in its bid for a portion of the largest Navy destroyer building program since World War II during the closing months of 1964, the Bath Iron Works Corporation snapped back in the early months of 1965 with the low bid to build three guided missile frigrates for the German Navy and later won a contract to build three cargo ships for American Export-Isbrandtsen Lines, giving the yard one of the biggest backlogs of work in its history.

But despite growing industrial payrolls, 1965 saw a mixture of decline and growth downtown.

Big Stores Leave

The community's three major chain department stores, Newberry's, Grant's and Sears, Roebuck disclosed plans for leaving Bath following the defeat of a downtown urban renewal project in June and at year's end one of the three — J. J. Newberry's — had already closed up shop.

Grant's will follow as soon as its new store is ready for occupancy in the new shopping center at Cook's Corner and unofficial reports indicate that Sears also has made its final decision to move into or near the shopping center.

The three stores together account for a major share of the non-food retail business in Bath and the decision to leave continues a long term trend that the urban renewal project rejected by voters in June had hoped to reverse.

Some Expanded

There were some bright spots on the downtown horizon also. Three retail stores embarked upon expansion plans during the 12 months and a fourth announced plans for a new building and at least one new store has indicated it will be moving to town to replace those that are leaving. The expansions and renovations completed in downtown Bath during the year were by Rogers Jewelry Store and Jack's Shoe Store.

A new building is under construction on Center Street for Burgess Market and to house the State Liquor Store. Arthur W. Gediman also says he plans on building a new store in the spring.

But the big news during 1965 was on the industrial front.

BIW Biggest News

In addition to the new BIW contracts, which assure expanding payrolls and stable employment for another three years at least, the firm's Penn Crusher and Hyde Divisions also expanded.

The BIW purchased the manufacturing division of the Badger Company of Boston for Hyde and during the closing months of the year a $2 million contract was received for deck machinery which will increase employment 10 per cent during the new year.

Congress Expands

Congress Sportswear opened its new plant in Bath early in the year and almost immediately was nearly swamped by record orders that catapulted employment to record heights.

Only dreary note industrially during the 12 months just ended was the abortive effort to start a new toy manufacturing firm in Bath. House International opened for business in a flurry of publicity last winter, but had quietly faded away by year's end.

On the brighter side is the formation of an economic development coordinating committee, which was set up by City Council in the wake of urban renewal's defeat and the announced store closings.

New Store in Bath

The committee has already begun negotiations with one Maine department store chain and reports a tenant for at least one of the prospective vacant stores is in the works.

And at year's end the coordinating committee announced that a private boys school is a prospective tenant for the largely vacant Hyde estate buildings that formerly housed the Hyde Rehabilitation Center and now house the Speech and Hearing Center that would probably relocate in the city.

New Executive

The coordinating committee will open the new year with a new member. Bartlett M. (Pete) Van Note was named to head the chamber's two-man paid staff last month and as such automatically serves on the coordinating panel.

Van Note replaces Jack H. Stelling, who served as executive secretary of the chamber for the past five years.

Reed Top Politician

The first Democratic Legislature in some 50 years convened last January and named State Senate President was Carlton Day Reed Jr. of Woolwich, Sagadahoc County's lone state senator.

The Senate Presidency—the second most powerful job in Maine government—is a traditional stepping stone to the governorship and Sen. Reed this fall announced his candidacy for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

City Election

In municipal politics urban renewal appeared to continue to dominate political thinking despite a final negative vote in June's primary election.

The city election in September saw the re-election of three incumbents, C. Lloyd Hooker, Charles F. MacDonald and Arthur Gediman, who had fought urban renewal prior to the referendum election and the defeat by a narrow margin of one who had supported the proposals, Edward Berkery. The only urban renewal opponent to be defeated was Edward J. McMann, who was replaced by Hilton Libby in another nip and tuck battle.

City Council also got a new chairman during the year. At the organizational meeting in November, Elford A. Stover, Jr., was the unanimous choice to replace William E. Haggett. Haggett had declined to seek re-election because of a possible conflict of interest between the chairmanship and his new position as public relations director of the Bath Iron Works.

City Council had one of its busiest years in memory of veteran city hall observers during 1965 and 1966 shapes up to be equally important.

Urban Renewal

During the 12 months just ended the Council spent weeks debating urban renewal before approving the project by a 5-4 margin—only to see a $600,000 bond issue to pay the city's quarter share of the $2.5 million project turned down in referendum.

Following urban renewal's defeat, the Council spent additional months groping for a do-it-yourself alternative in an effort to keep as many tax paying businesses in the city as possible.

First results of this post-urban renewal study was a $100,000 bond issue to permit a beginning to downtown street reconstruction and a program aimed at eliminating some of the more dilapidated downtown buildings.

The year 1965 was also a time of transition for Bath.

Bath Loses Two

Death claimed two of the most prominent men in the community, former Gov. Sumner Sewall and veteran newsman Mark W. Hennessy.

Sewall, who was president of The Bath National Bank at the time of his death, was replaced as president by T. Tarpy Schulten of Woolwich. The bank several weeks later merged with The Canal National Bank of Portland, but Schulten continues to direct local operations as a Canal vice president.

Hennessy died a year after leaving the Gannett newspapers as their Bath correspondent to write a marine history of Bath. A posthumus collection of his writings and photographs opens tonight at Patten Free Library.

At the Bath Iron Works major personnel changes included the election of James F. Goodrich as president, replacing John R. Newell, who had served for the past 15 years and had declined re-election. Also resigning during the year was George F. Cary, II, hull engineer. Cary left to become the full time president of Sugarloaf, one of Maine's major ski areas.

Richard Fairlamb became general manager of the Hyde Division, replacing John Cooke, who retired, and William Weickert became industrial sales manager for the division.

Newell moved up to become vice chairman of the board.

In other BIW changes Duncan McInnes, who has been head of the Outfitting Department, retired. He was replaced by Warren McNeil.

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U.S. Peace Efforts Continue Despite Dampening Blast

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two of President Johnson's peace envoys continued their efforts today despite new dampening blasts from Hanoi.

The North Vietnamese Communist party organ Nhan Dan branded the current U.S. peace moves as "trickery" and said that if any political solution to the Viet Nam war is to be achieved the United States must halt "definitely and unconditionally" all acts of war against the North.

The Hanoi newspaper also said Washington would have to acknowledge the four conditions the Communists have set down for an end to the war. What was meant by "acknowledge" was not immediately clear. Washington has let it be known that it would be willing to discuss the four points if negotiations got under way.

U.S. efforts to get such talks started moved ahead with roving Ambassador W. Averell Harriman's arrival in Pakistan for talks with President Mohammed Ayub Khan while G. Mennen Williams carried the American view to African leaders.

As the flurry of American diplomatic activity continued, the lull in the bombings of North Viet Nam targets moved into its 11th day.

The bombing moratorium is viewed as a part of Washington's efforts to establish conditions favorable to the beginning of peace talks with North Viet Nam.

The public reaction from Hanoi was anything but encouraging. Only hours before the party organ Nhan Dan made its declarations North Viet Nam's President Ho Chi Minh had declared that the Communists would fight until final victory.

He said he was standing firm on his terms for peace — terms already rejected by the United States.

Ho's views were in messages to the Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun and to a Havana meeting of leftists from three continents. The message suggested anew that Hanoi would agree to negotiate only after the United States accepts its four-point demand, which includes withdrawal of American troops from South Viet Nam.

In Peking, the official Chinese Communist party paper People's Daily assailed the American diplomatic missions. It said "monsters and freaks of all descriptions are scurrying hither and thither and raising a lot of dust with their sinister activities." It added the United States "is merely spreading a smokescreen to conceal its preparations for war expansion."

One of the most extensive of the diplomatic missions ends today with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey's return to Washington. He visited the capitals of Japan, the Philippines, Nationalist China and South Korea during the past week.

Stopping off Sunday in Honolulu, Humphrey declared that U.S. emissaries had fanned out all over the world seeking "the key to peace."

Commenting on the bombing lull, the vice president said some people had urged that the strikes be stopped to bring the North Vietnamese to the peace table. "It stopped," he said, "the table is there."

While Humphrey spoke in Honolulu of U.S. peace efforts, Pope Paul VI told a crowd in Vatican City's St. Peter's Square that he had prayed for the help of heaven in his new appeals for mediation and an end of conflict in Viet Nam.

The Pope said, "We feel the scantiness of our humble and unarmed efforts, strong only in the human and Christian reasons which inspire them, but weak in the face of the enormous difficulty which they seek to overcome.

"Once again the help of heaven is necessary, and for this our diplomacy — if it can so be called — is integrated in great measure with prayer."

American diplomatic efforts were at a busy pace Sunday in Africa and India. Williams, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, conferred in Algiers with Col. Houari Boumedienne, Algerian chief of government. Williams later told newsmen the meeting was very satisfactory. He then headed for Tunisia, with later steps scheduled in other African countries.

Harriman followed a whirlwind pace in New Delhi. He spent 40 minutes with Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, 44 with President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and 45 with Foreign Minister Swaran Singh.

After meeting today with Ayub, Harriman planned to fly on to Tehran for a conference with the Shah of Iran.

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